PreliminaryAmendment

Applicant: Manoj K. Bhattacharyya et al.

Serial No.: unknown (Parent Serial Application no. 10/125,095)

Filed: Herewith (Parent filing date Apr. 18, 2002)

Docket No.: 10014277-2

Title: MAGNETIC SHIELDING FOR MRAM DEVICES

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the Divisional Patent Application filed herewith. Claims 13-20 and 22 were previously withdrawn from consideration in the parent application (Serial No. 10/125,095) as being directed to a non-elected invention. New claims 23-38 are added to the application. Claims 13-20, and 22-38 are presented for consideration and allowance.

Any inquiry regarding this Preliminary Amendment should be directed to either Matthew B. McNutt at Telephone No. (512) 231-0531, Facsimile No. (512) 231-0540, or Philip S. Lyren at Telephone No. (281) 514-8236, Facsimile No. (281) 514-8332. In addition, all correspondence should continue to be directed to the following address:

Hewlett-Packard Company

Intellectual Property Administration P.O. Box 272400 Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400

Respectfully submitted,

Manoj K. Bhattacharyya et al.,

By their attorneys,

DICKE, BILLIG & CZAJA, PLLC Fifth Street Towers, Suite 2250 100 South Fifth Street

Minneapolis, MN 55402 Telephone: (612) 573-2000 Facsimile: (612) 573-2005

Matthew B. McNutt

Reg. No. 39,766

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as Express Mail no. ET891040525US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 15th day-of December, 2003.

Name: Denyse Daphinais